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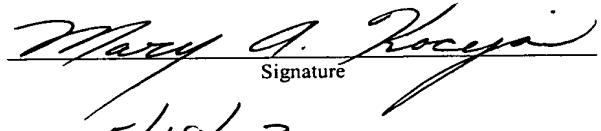
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“METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR
INVESTIGATING TISSUE HISTOLOGY”

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This responds to the Office action mailed November 19, 2003, for which a response was due February 19, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time is being submitted herewith, thereby establishing May 19, 2003 as the deadline.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of monitoring the presence of one or more chromophores in a sample of biological tissue, which method comprises illuminating an area of such tissue sample by projecting light from a light source, receiving light remitted by the illuminated area of tissue at a photo-receptor, spectroscopically analyzing the remitted light, and comparing variations in the intensity and spectral characteristics of the remitted light with respect to the intensity and spectral characteristics of the projected light and with data representing a datum sample of intensity and spectral characteristics of light remitted by a sample of normal healthy tissue of known structure.